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CIRCUS CLOWN PREACHES SERMON IN EMERGENCY— WILL JOIN MINISTRY



Raleigh Wilson.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 26.—Raleigh Wilson of this city, a circus clown, is to abandon his profession and become a Methodist preacher.

One Sunday afternoon last summer while Vollmar Brothers' circus, in which he was ap-

pearing, was playing in Minnesota, Wilson took a walk. He ran across a little country church and decided to go inside and listen to the singing.

When Wilson entered the church an usher caught him by the sleeve and hurried him to the pulpit, where he was introduced as "Brother Pope." The truth was that the deacon had taken the circus clown for the Rev. Cademus Pope, an itinerant minister, who was expected to fill the pulpit that afternoon.

Rather than disappoint the country people, Wilson launched forth a sermon. The clown was very much humiliated when near the close of his sermon Rev. Pope made his appearance.

Afterwards when Wilson was